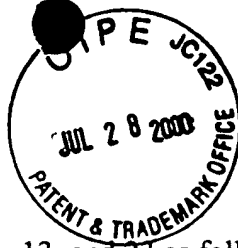


IN THE CLAIMS:



Please amend claims 1, 13, and 23 as follows:

1. (Amended) A separation finger apparatus for removable insertion into a stream of web material, comprising:

a separation finger;

a translation member mounted for rotation about a first axis, the translation member being coupled to the separation finger and in translating engagement therewith, the translation member having a length [alone,] along which the separation finger can translate;

a pivot member rotatably coupled to the separation finger for rotation about a second axis, the translation member and the pivot member being rotatable with respect to one another to simultaneously translate and rotate the separation finger in a range of positions upon the length of the translation member between and including a retracted position and an extended position with respect to the stream of web material.

13. (Amended) A separation finger apparatus for moving a separation finger toward and away from a stream of web material, the separation finger apparatus, comprising:

a pivot axis;

an orbit axis located a distance from the pivot axis;

a separation finger having

an extended position; and

a retracted position.

the separation finger pivotably mounted about [a] the pivot axis, the separation finger also mounted to orbit about [an] the orbit axis [located a distance from the pivot axis] to move the separation finger through an arc between its extended and retracted positions.

23. (Amended) A separation finger apparatus for moving a separation finger toward and away from [insertion into] a stream of web product, the separation finger apparatus comprising:

a separation finger, the separation finger having

an extended position in which the separation finger is extended into the stream of web product; and